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A LETTER FROM PROF. R. M. BROWN.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: Several times recently I have heard it remarked that Watauga's rather bad showing in the recent census figures is due to our loss of territory to Avery. It is true that but for that loss the county would not have shown an actual decrease in population. As it is the figures show a loss of 89 persons, or 0.6 per cent. A study of the figures by townships, however, furnish food for thought. The average natural increase for the state, that is the excess of births over deaths, for the 10 year period was about 18 per cent. The natural increase for Watauga was 22 per cent. Now let's see what happened in the townships not affected by the creation of Avery County. And to understand better the drift of the population current for the county, we will take also the figures for the last twenty years. Within the last census period, Bald Mountain gained 14.4 per cent. This is not only below the natural increase, but it is below her gain for the preceding ten years. Her total gain for twenty years is 37.5 per cent. Beaver Dam gained 14.6 per cent but in twenty years she has gained only 8.8 per cent. Blowing Rock gained 7.9 per cent, but in twenty years she has lost 8.8 per cent. Blue Ridge lost 7.9 per cent, and now has only 9 tenths as many people as she had twenty years ago. Boone gained 15.3 per cent, the largest gain in the County with the exception of Watauga. In the previous ten years she had lost 2.5 per cent and her gain for twenty years is only 12.2 per cent. Cove Creek lost 14 per cent and has now 6.1 per cent fewer people than in 1900. Elk gained 14.6 per cent, but in twenty years has gained only 6.3 per cent. Laurel Creek loses in the report, but I believe she lost in the readjustment caused by the creation of Avery county. Her loss is shown at 1.2 per cent. Meat Camp shows a gain of 13.3 per cent, which is larger than her gain for the previous ten years. Her gain for 20 years is 20.9 per cent. North Fork lost 1.1 per cent, and in two decades she has lost 12.3 per cent. Shawneehaw was practically recreated after the formation of Avery so the figures for that township mean nothing. Stony Fork gained 11.1 per cent, and in twenty years 14.4 per cent. Watauga gained 38 per cent. In 1900-10 she lost 2.3 per cent. 3 townships besides Laurel Creek actually lost. Only one shows increase above the birth rate. Only two have made in twenty years a gain equal to the natural increase for ten years.

What do the figures show? In the first place they show that a large per cent of the county has been going somewhere else. Everyone who is familiar with the county knows that they have been the younger and more progressive, for the most part. The loss, therefore, has been even greater than the figures indicate. But while the county still shows a retarded population increase, the retardation in 1910-1920 was not so great as in 1900-1910. This seems to disprove the theory of our calamity howlers that increased taxes for public improvements drive people away. The mere beginning of such improvements seem to have checked the moving away.

Take the two townships that made comparatively creditable showings. Watauga's increase, is due of course, to the Boone Fork Lumber Co.'s works. Boone's increase is due to two things: the school facilities, especially the

The New Voter.

If the women continue as they are beginning, they will soon know more than their husbands, not only about the wheels of politics but about what makes the wheels go round and round and run over the jay-walking man reformer.

Woman has always been clever at using whatever happened to be handy to accomplish the purpose that engages her attention at the moment. Where a man pulls a six-shooter or calls out the reserves to rout the villain, she foils him with a hat pin. Where he calls in a plumber and his helper with a wagon-load of tools, she reaches up into her back hair and performs prodigies of plumbing with a blond hair pin.

Already she is bending the current events club and the sewing circle to political uses. To her direct mind the way and wherefore and the mechanism of voting are the most important of current events. She opines that she will find the heathen in politics needing her attention, if not her ministrations. She is more absorbed now in the complexities of the machine than the obscurities of Browning.

Having cheered herself hoarse at one national convention without result, she is already planning to go out of the cheering business. At the next convention she intends to sit in the back room where the nominating is done.

If you will listen to the new voter's conversation, you will discover that she not only wants to know but she wants to do. The hand that wields the defensive hat pin may not shoot at the rear tires of the machine that tries to run her down, but is capable of throwing tacks in the road. Men have been telling the politicians to "be good and you'll be happy." Women will tell them to "be good or you'll be sorry." And she will use the handiest weapon. She is a practiced wielder of the hairbrush and the ruler, and she knows the tender spots. —Saturday Evening Post.

Special Notice to Tax Payers.

This is to notify all tax-payers of Watauga county that I will be in Boone with the tax books of the various townships of the county, on Saturday, Nov. 20; Saturday, Nov. 27, and Saturday, Dec. 4, for the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year 1920. You are cordially invited to be present on one of these dates and lift your receipts.

EDGAR YOUNG, Shff.

improvement of the public school within the last few years; and the railroad. Boone's willingness to tax herself rather heavily for a school and for a railroad has taken her from the list of townships with a decreasing population and has placed her near those with a normally increasing population.

If only the people, or the new board of county commissioners, could glimpse the vision of what the county might be! And if such vision could become contagious and spread to the Board of Education—to the re-districting of the county, the building of creditable school houses, the paying of a County Superintendent for his whole time! Or if some sort of civic thunderbolt could strike the Appalachian Training School awaking it to a consciousness of opportunities neglected and not rendered!

Sincerely,

ROY M. BROWN.

Chapel Hill N. C.

THE QUESTION.

Have We Treated the World Squarely and Justly.

J. M. Downum in Charlotte Observer. The question has been suggested as to the real significance of the result of the recent election, not from a humanitarian and ethical standpoint. In considering the question from this side the fact seems clearly apparent that in troublous times many are ready and willing to make all sorts of sacrifices, even to die, for an ideal or principle for which in the quietude of practical every-day life they are not willing to live.

When our boys went to the camps and over seas the idea that stirred them on to battle and us to sacrifice was, "for the good of the world." We asked nothing for ourselves but the privilege of fighting for and serving humanity—not for America alone but for the world. Our boys fought and many of them died and we denied ourselves and sacrificed in various ways that the war we were in might be the last. We stood side by side with our allies till victory came. We went in the peace conference with them, and with them formulated a league of nations to prevent, to the extent possible, all future wars.

What now is the result? Where do we stand? The other nations took us in good faith and many of them have ratified the peace terms and accepted the league of nations long ago, and we, considered before the war the "most peace-loving nation in the world" have not yet on the second anniversary of the signing of the armistice ratified the peace terms, and have apparently repudiated the league of nations.

Have we treated the world squarely and justly? Can they ever again look to us with confidence in times of distress? When we take a sober sensible view of the situation and our own attitude as a nation can we have the respect for ourselves that we should have?

These are considerations that should stir our very souls. Are we going to desert humanity in the most distressful times the world has ever seen and selfishly live for ourselves alone, caring not what may happen to the rest of the world? If this be our spirit and purpose then the glory of America as the unselfish friend of the distressed and downtrodden peoples and weaker nations has departed. Are we going to allow ourselves to be considered the slacker nation of the world? Are we going to allow petty politics to hinder us from performing our moral obligations to the world of humanity? If so what influence do we expect ever to have for the moral and spiritual upbuilding of the world? What are we going to do about it? We trust that under the influence of the teaching of the Divine Master a better and more unselfish spirit may yet prevail than that thus far manifested in these recent days.

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DWELLING FOR RENT. As I am preparing to move away for the winter, I am offering for rent my residence near the A. T. S. H. M. Lewis.

THREE "FREE NATIONS."

(New York World)

The forty-two nations whose representatives convened yesterday at Geneva for the first meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations have, if Warren G. Harding is right, committed the following forms of state suicide.

1. They have surrendered their sovereignty.
2. They have abandoned their nationality.
3. They have destroyed their Constitutions.
4. They have given themselves over to a super-government who can order them into war at the whim of an alien Council.

That is what Mr. Harding, during the campaign, insisted would happen to the United States if the covenant of the League of Nations were ratified by the Senate. That is what Senator Johnson and all the Battalion of Death Senators said would happen. Yet in the teeth of all this Republican wisdom, forty-two nations that are members of the League have gone about their work. The Assembly of the League has been organized. A President has been elected. And these nations are preparing to carry out the provisions of a covenant "to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security."

The United States was not represented at this historic meeting, because it is not a member of the League. Neither was Germany, nor Russia, nor Turkey, nor Mexico, nor Austria, nor Hungary, nor Bulgaria represented. These, presumably, are "free nations," that Mr. Harding talks about. They have not sacrificed their sovereignty. They have not bartered away their independence. They are not in the clutches of an "alien Council."

Yet in spite of these incalculable advantages, Germany is desirous of joining the League, and is kept out only by the determination of the French Government that Germany must not be admitted until the question of reparation is settled. Bulgaria and Austria have applied for membership. Hungary has finally signed the treaty of peace and is ready to join. Mexico would gladly become a member.

Thus the number of really free nations, the nations that are engaged in defending their sacred sovereignty and their constitutional integrity at all costs, is reduced to three—the United States, Russia and Turkey. Turkey does not count for much, and so the untimely champions of undiluted nationalism are Mr. Harding, Mr. Lenine and Mr. Trotsky, with their various Hiram Johnsons and Henry Cabbotts, Lodges and William Randolph Hearsts.

That is the society of nations and that the American people voted themselves on Nov. 2. That is the company they will keep indefinitely if the Harding campaign promises are redeemed. That is the association of nations to which the Republican policy is directed. It is the distinction of the United States today that it is the only civilized nation that is unrepresented at Geneva by reason of its own voluntary action. If this country can be proud of the record it can be proud of anything.

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